



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

David S. Gysberts
Mayor

August 22, 2014

The Honorable James T. Smith, Jr.
State of Maryland, Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: 2014 Annual MDOT Tour Meeting
Mayor & Council Priorities
City of Hagerstown, MD

Dear Secretary Smith:

I am pleased to submit to you the City's list of suggested priority transportation items based on my discussion with City Council at our August 19, 2014 meeting:

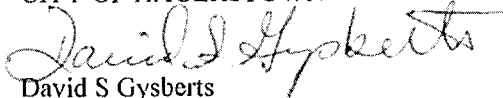
1. Highway User Revenues: We continue to seek an increase in funding. In FY13, we received a base amount of \$301,734 and the estimate for FY14 is \$328,097. While we greatly appreciate the additional "one time" funds, historically, we received upwards of \$2 million annually. These funds are spent directly toward street maintenance in our Pavement Preservation program and are essential for us to maintain our 101 miles of streets. Our Engineering staff estimate we need to spend over \$1,000,000 annually to maintain "status quo" pavement condition.
2. Eastern Boulevard Corridor Improvements – We support this Washington County led, multi-phase project that consists of a multi-modal transportation system connecting US Route 40, Maryland Route 64, and Maryland Route 60. Future phases include construction of new streets to disperse traffic and reducing traffic volumes on State routes. One such route is the construction of Professional Court extended where we have directed staff to work with County staff on the design of this project.
3. I-81 Widening – We understand SHA is planning the widening of the Potomac River bridge and widening to approximately Route 11 (see attached). We request updates on this project and advocate for the widening to the Pennsylvania line. We understand 62,000 vehicles per day use this important artery in our transportation system, that is essential to our local economy.
4. Route 40 – We support a SHA-led study of pedestrian safety issues of the Dual Highway (US Route 40). Working together with County staff, we recommend a comprehensive assessment be completed of the sidewalk system, lighting, crosswalks, and need for barriers to prevent mid-block pedestrian crossing.
5. Sidewalks, Bicycle Routes and Trails – We say "thank you" to SHA for numerous sidewalk projects funded in the City over the last 10 years. We further advocate for Retrofit Sidewalk installation on Route 11 (see drawing), bicycle enhancements, "Transportation Alternatives Program" for the Marsh Run Trail, and Safe Routes to School Program.



On behalf of the Mayor & Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your consideration of our priorities. If you have any questions or need additional information before the tour meeting date, please do not hesitate to contact Rodney Tissue at 301-739-8577 extension 128, or rtissue@hagerstownmd.org

Sincerely,

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

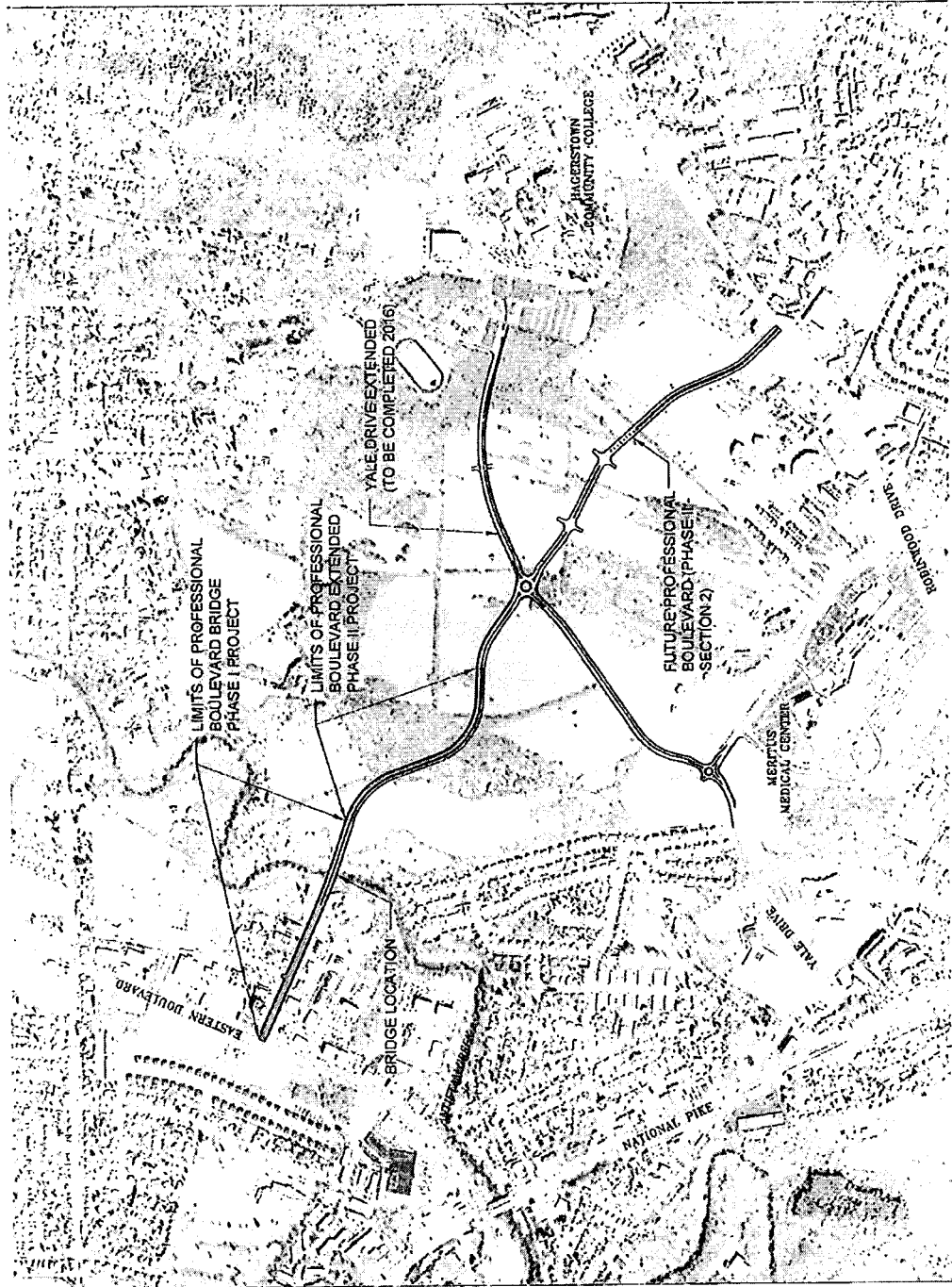

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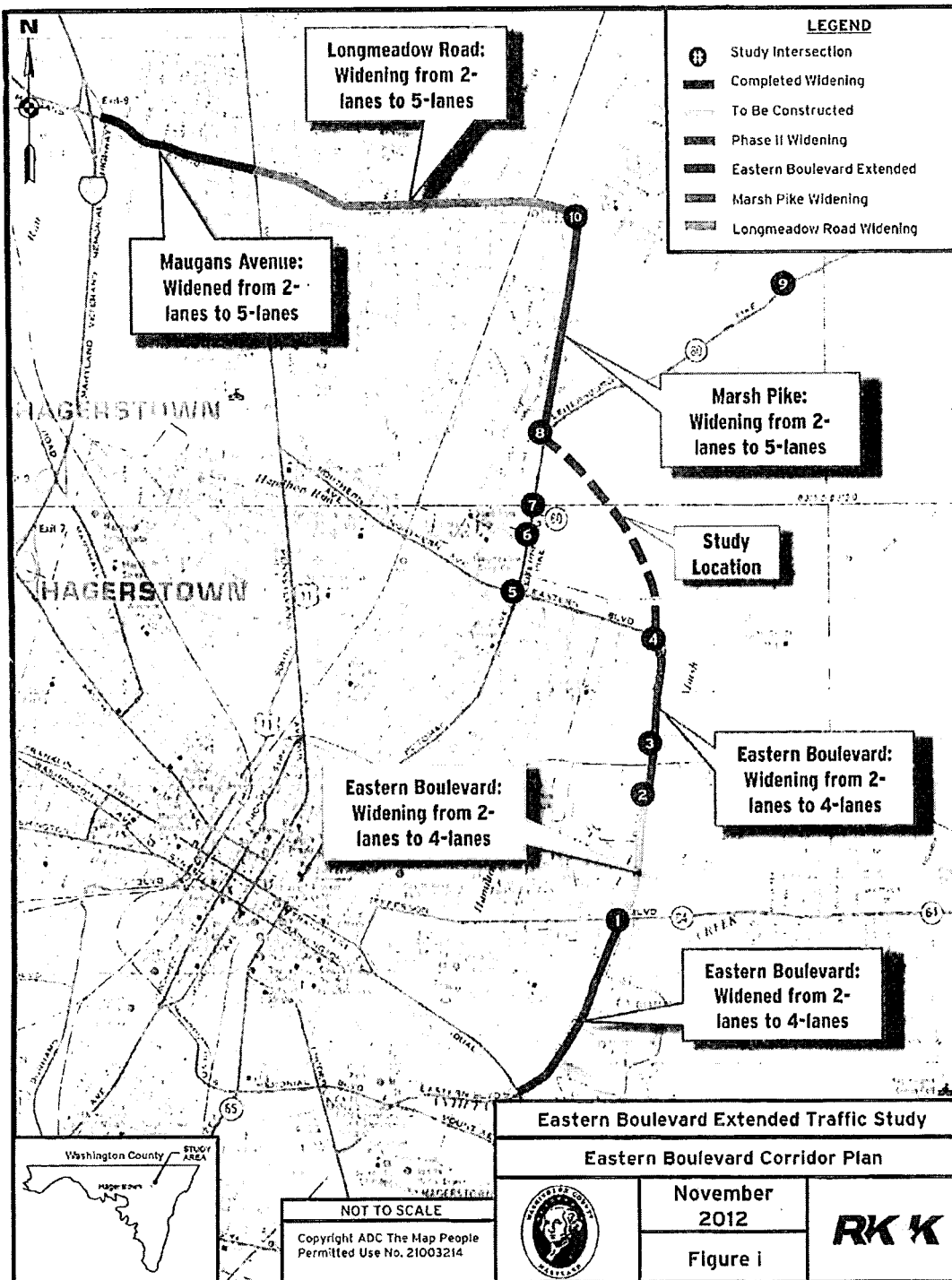
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Rodney Tissue
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Anthony Crawford, District Engineer, MDSHA
Rob Slocum, Washington County Acting Director of Public Works
Washington County Delegation members



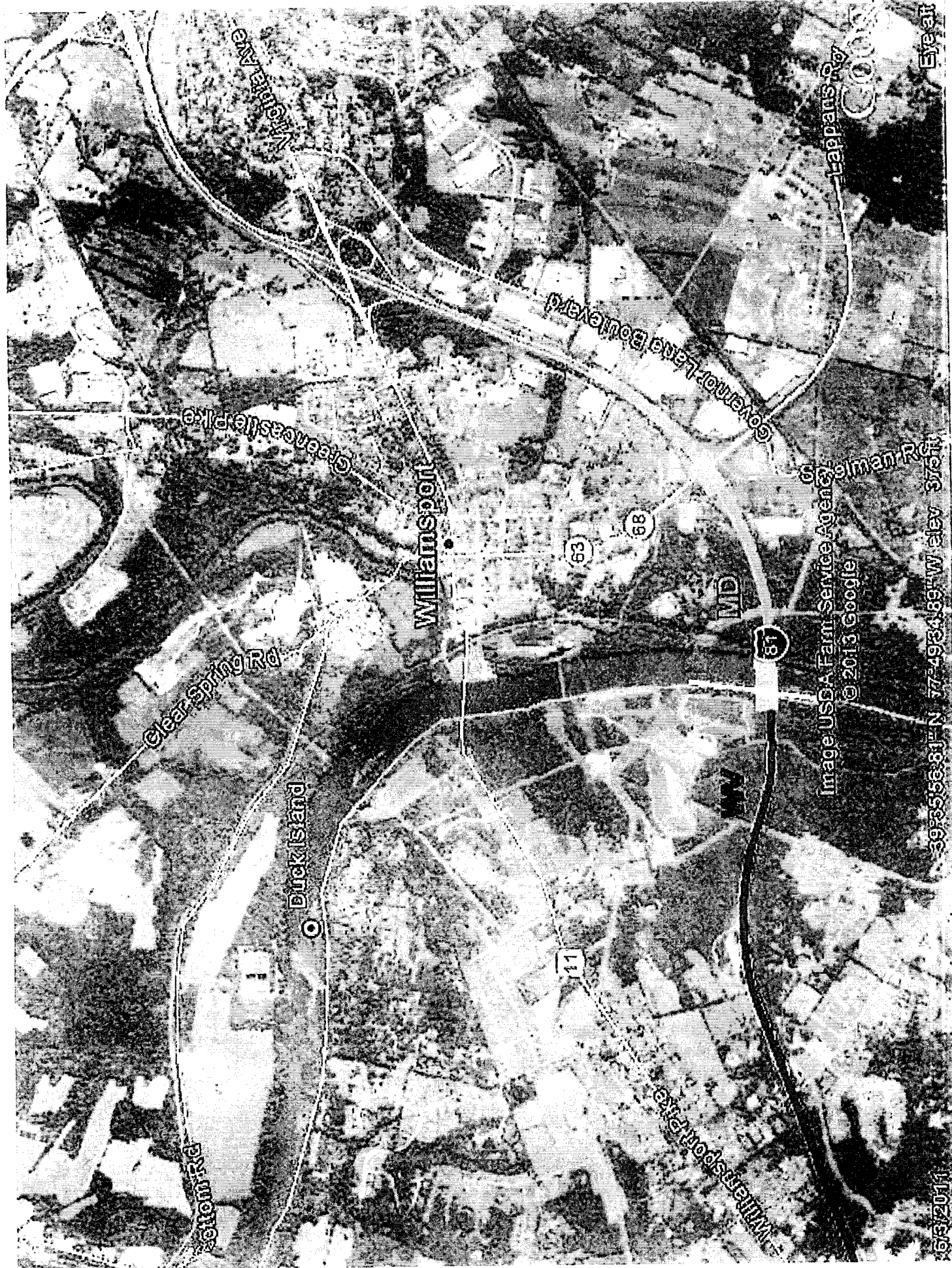
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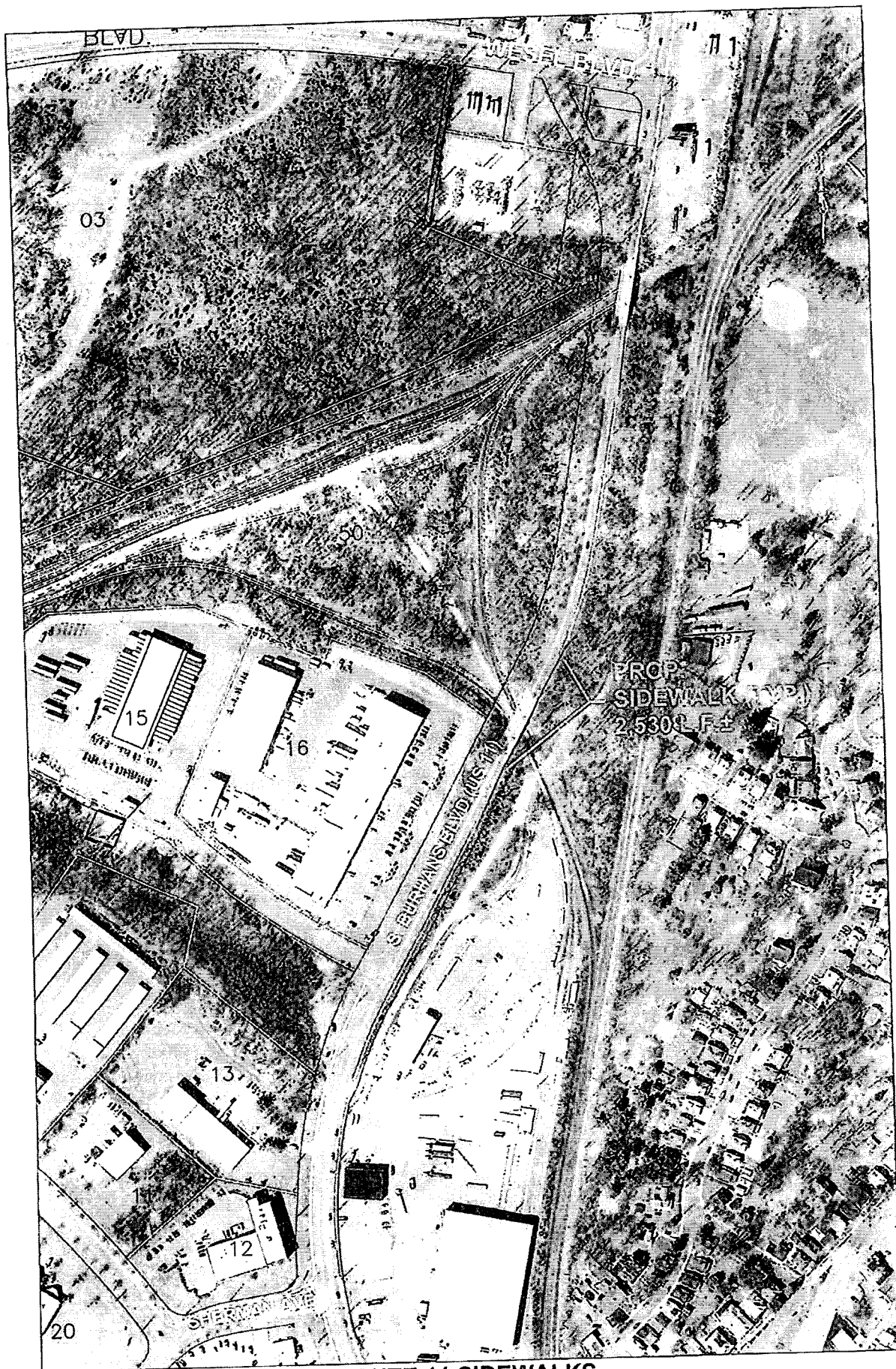


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ROUTE 11 SIDEWALKS
(SECTION A - SHERMAN AVE. TO WESEL BLVD.)

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Kelly Bell

From: Secretary MDOT
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:03 PM
To: Kelly Bell; Victoria Schittone (Savaliski)
Subject: FW: Suggested list of priority transportation items for Hagerstown, Maryland
Attachments: 201408251136.pdf

Kelly: Please log. Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Danielle Frye [<mailto:DFrye@hagerstownmd.org>]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 12:33 PM
To: Secretary MDOT
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Subject: Suggested list of priority transportation items for Hagerstown, Maryland

Good afternoon Secretary Smith,

Attached you will find a letter from Mayor Dave Gysberts regarding a list of suggested priority transportation items for Hagerstown. The original has been placed in the mail to your attention.

Thank you.

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